

(a) The quantity of fluid milk products marketed that is subject to the collection of the assessment;

(b) The amount of assessment remitted;

(c) The reason, if necessary, why the remittance is less than the number of hundredweights of milk multiplied by 20 cents; and

(d) The date any assessment was paid.

§ 1160.402 Books and records.

Each person subject to this subpart shall maintain and make available for inspection by agents of the Board and the Secretary such books and records as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subpart and the regulations issued hereunder, including such records as are necessary to verify any reports required. Such books and records shall be retained for at least two years beyond the fiscal period of their applicability.

§ 1160.403 Confidential treatment.

(a) All persons, including agents and former agents of the Board, all officers and employees and all former officers and employees of the Department, and all officers and all employees and all former officers and employees of contracting agencies having access to commercial or financial information obtained from such books, records or reports under the Act and this subpart shall keep such information confidential, and not make it available to Board members. Only those persons, as determined by the Secretary, who have a specific need for such information in order to effectively administer the provisions of this subpart shall have access to such information. In addition, they shall disclose only that information the Secretary deems relevant, and then only in a suit or administrative hearing brought at the discretion, or upon the request, of the Secretary, or to which the Secretary or any officer of the United States is a party, and involving this subpart. Nothing in this section, however, shall be deemed to prohibit:

(1) The issuance of general statements based upon the reports of the number of processors, individuals, groups of individuals, partnerships,

corporations, associations, cooperatives, or other entities subject to this subpart or statistical data collected from such sources, which statements do not identify the information furnished by any such parties, and

(2) The publication, at the direction of the Secretary, of the name of any processor, individuals, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other entity that has been adjudged to have violated this subpart, together with a statement of the particular provisions of the subpart so violated.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subpart, information obtained under this subpart may be made available to another agency of the Federal Government for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity if the activity is authorized by law and if the head of the agency has made a written request to the Secretary specifying the particular information desired and the law enforcement activity for which the information is sought.

(c) Any person violating this section, on conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both, and if such person is an agent of the Board or an officer or employee of the Department shall be removed from office.

(d) Nothing in this subsection authorizes the Secretary to withhold information from a duly authorized committee or subcommittee of Congress.

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§ 1160.501 Continuation referenda.

(a) The Secretary at any time may conduct a referendum among those persons who the Secretary determines were fluid milk processors during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary, on whether to suspend or terminate the order. The Secretary shall hold such a referendum at the request of the Board or of any group of such processors that marketed during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary, 10 percent or more of the volume of fluid milk products marketed in the United States by fluid milk processors voting in the preceding referendum.

(b) Any suspension or termination of the order on the basis of a referendum conducted pursuant to this section must be favored:

(1) By at least 50 percent of the fluid milk processors voting in the referendum; and

(2) By fluid milk processors voting in the referendum that marketed during a representative period, as determined by the Secretary, 40 percent or more of the volume of fluid milk products marketed in the United States by fluid milk processors voting in the referendum.

(c) If the Secretary determines that the suspension or termination of the order is favored in the manner set forth in § 1160.501(b), the Secretary shall take such action within 6 months of such termination.

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§ 1160.502 Proceedings after suspension or termination.

(a) Upon the suspension or termination of this subpart, the Board shall recommend to the Secretary not more than five of its members to serve as trustees for the purpose of liquidating the affairs of the Board. Once the Secretary has designated such members as trustees, they shall become trustees of all the funds and property that the Board owns, possesses, or controls, including unpaid and undelivered property or any other unpaid claim existing at the time of such termination. The actions of such trustees shall be subject to approval by the Secretary.

(b) The said trustees shall:

(1) Serve as trustees until discharged by the Secretary;

(2) Carry out the obligations of the Board under any contract or agreements that it entered pursuant to §§ 1160.208 and 1160.209;

(3) Account for all receipts and disbursements and deliver to any person designated by the Secretary all property on hand, together with all books and records of the Board and the trustees; and

(4) At the request of the Secretary, execute such assignments or other instruments necessary or appropriate to vest in the Secretary's designee full title and right to all of the funds, prop-

erty, and claims of the Board or the trustees.

(c) The Secretary's designee shall be subject to the same obligations with respect to funds, property or claims transferred or delivered pursuant to this subpart as the Board and the trustees.

(d) The Board, the trustees or the Secretary's designee shall deliver to the Secretary any residual funds not required to pay liquidation expenses, which funds may be used, to the extent practicable, to continue one or more of the promotion, research or nutrition education plans or projects authorized pursuant to this subpart.

§ 1160.503 Effect of suspension, termination or amendment.

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Secretary, the suspension or termination of this subpart or of any regulation issued pursuant hereto, or the issuance of any amendment to either thereof, shall not:

(a) Affect or waive any right, duty, obligation, or liability of the Board or its trustees which shall have arisen or which may hereafter arise in connection with any provision of this subpart or any regulation issued thereunder;

(b) Release or extinguish any violation of this subpart or any regulation issued thereunder; or

(c) Affect or impair any rights or remedies of the United States, the Secretary, or any person, with respect to any such violation.

§ 1160.504 Personal liability.

No member or employee of the Board shall be held personally responsible, either individually or jointly, in any way whatsoever to any person for errors in judgment, mistakes, or other acts of either commission or omission by such member or employee, except for acts of dishonesty or willful misconduct.

§ 1160.505 Patents, copyrights, inventions and publications.

(a) Any patents, copyrights, trademarks, inventions or publications developed through the use of funds collected under the provisions of this subpart are the property of the United States Government as represented by the Board, and shall, along with any